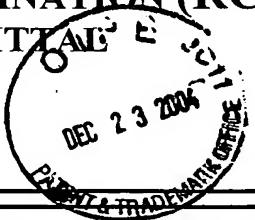


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Application Number	10/779,840
Filing Date	February 17, 2004
First Named Inventor	Syuji Okamoto
Art Unit	1713
Examiner Name	Tatyana Zalukaeva
Attorney Docket Number	1217-040286

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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For FY 2005 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.16

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
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Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	_____
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	_____
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	_____
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	_____
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2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Small Entity
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	Fee (\$)
	Fee (\$)

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200 100

Multiple dependent claims

360 180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims
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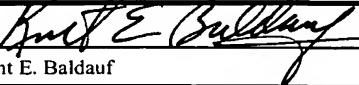
4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other: Request for Continued Examination Fee

\$790.00

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Communication of November 29, 2004, Applicants submit this Amendment together with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

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